

Participant Guide – AR351: Creating and Maintaining Receivables

State of Kansas





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Course Overview

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you will be able to:

- Understand specific receivables terms
- Understand the end-to-end process for receivables in the Accounts Receivables and Billing modules
- List and describe the roles involved in creating and maintaining receivables
- Enter and review receivables with specific information
- Maintain and update receivables with specific information
- Understand transfer receivables
- Understand account aging and communication
- Understand collections and exceptions management

Agenda

Today, we will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to Receivables
- Entering Receivables
- Maintaining and Updating Receivables
- Transferring Receivables
- Account Aging and Communication
- Collections and Exceptions Management

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Lesson 1: Introduction to Receivables

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Define key terms, including receivables, item entry, customers, aging, batch processing, posting, and AR Update
- Describe how receivables fits into the end-to-end process of Accounts Receivable and Billing
- List and describe the roles involved in creating and maintaining receivables



Key Terms

- Receivable An expectation to receive payment for goods or services sold
- Item Entry Entering invoices, debit memos, and credit memos
- Customers Entity that receives or consumes products (goods or services) and has the ability to choose between different products and suppliers
- Aging This process of allowing a user to view the time that has passed since customers were billed or a pending item was established
- **Batch Processing** The process of running a series of programs or "jobs" in the system without the need for user action
 - This also includes identifying when AR Update is complete
- Posting An automated process of creating and recording accounting entries in SMART
- Posting Statuses
 - Not Posted
 - Errors
 - Complete





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AR Update – The posting process in SMART Receivables is known as AR
Update. The AR Update process occurs throughout the system as you post
pending items. These pending items can be entered online, created by your
billing interface, created during payment processing, or during item maintenance
activities. AR Update runs hourly.

Topic 1: Receivables Process

- SMART Receivables is designed to support multiple item and payment processing functions. Receivables reduces the need to store extra data and thereby associated maintenance, reconsolidation, and accurate data integrity problems.
- SMART Receivables is designed to store large quantities of information and support many functions, you can control the amount of data that you work with by selecting only the information that you need.





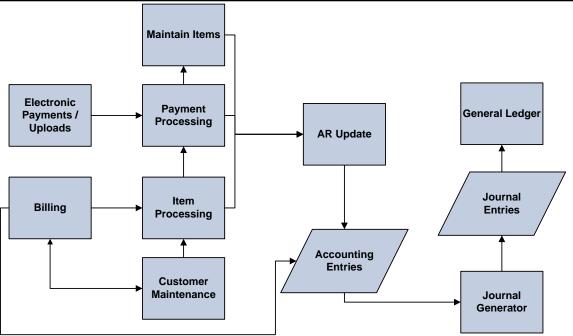


Figure 1. End-to-End Accounts Receivable and Billing Process



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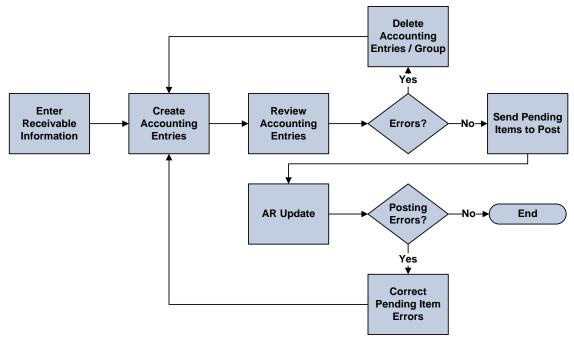


Figure 2. Receivables Lifecycle Process

Topic 2: Accounts Receivable Roles

Role	Description
AR Agency Administrator	This role is responsible for approving agency deposits in addition to creating and updating customers and customer information.
AR Configurator	This role is responsible for setting up and maintaining values that are used for some AR fields, such as payment terms an aging categories. They also have the ability to correct history for effective dated rows.
AR Maintainer	This role is responsible for reviewing and maintaining Accounts Receivable information, including customer, contact, deposit, item, and payment information.





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Role	Description
Pending Item Processor	This role is responsible for creating pending items, credit, and debit memos. This role also views customer, payment, and deposit information.

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

- How to define key terms for receivables processing
- How to describe how Receivables fits into the end-to-end process of Accounts Receivable and Billing module
- How to describe the roles involved in creating and maintaining receivables



Additional Resources

The following are additional resources that provide more detail about the topic we have covered:

- SMART Glossary http://www.da.ks.gov/smart/training/coursematerials/
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- SMART Accounts Receivable and Billing Job Aids http://www.da.ks.gov/smart/training/coursematerials/
- Department of Administration Accounts and Reports http://www.da.ks.gov/ar/







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Lesson 2: Entering and Reviewing Receivables

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Enter data for pending items, including online items (group) and external item (group)
- Create accounting entries and set them to post
- Enter entry type
- Enter reason code
- Locate and view all items with detail
- Locate and utilize the Review Items page
- Update pending items

Topic 1: Working with Pending Items

- Pending Items Amounts that are billed to a customer but not paid. These are
 any receivable item that has not yet been posted to an account in SMART.
 Pending items can be entered in two ways, manually as online items or received
 as external items from a billing program, such as SMART Billing and Pending
 Item Interface.
 - Online Pending Items Pending items that are entered manually.
 When you enter pending items, you enter control information for the group and detailed information about each item.
 - External Items Pending items from a billing program, such as SMART Billing
 - External items are edited by SMART so that errors are discovered during posting instead of during pending item activity
- Create Accounting Entries and Setting Them to Post The posting process in SMART Receivables is known as AR Update. The AR Update process occurs in SMART as you post pending items. These pending items are created online,





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externally by your billing interface, during payment processing, or during item maintenance activities.

 When you post items in SMART Receivables, SMART processes groups of pending items to update a customer's balance, and creates balanced, valid accounting entries. These accounting entries are then passed to the General Ledger by a process called the Journal Generator.



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete a walkthrough using a UPK simulation: Viewing All Items With Detail.

Group Control Page:

Use this page to view the control totals, currency, group type, origin ID, and the status of the item group.

Page Name	Navigation	
Group Control	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >	
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Group Control	

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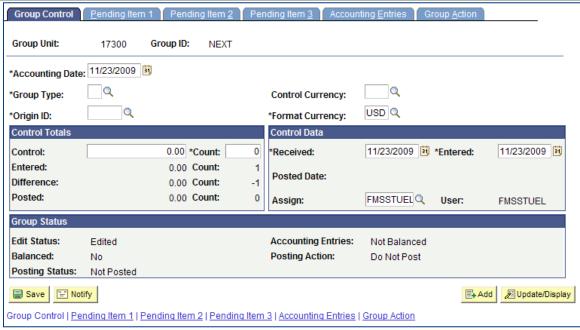


Figure 3. Group Control Page

Fields	Description
Accounting Date	This is the current SMART system date
Group Type	This field is a code that categorizes the
	types of groups processed in SMART.
	For online pending item entry, Group
	Type is always B.
Origin ID	This field indicates whether the group was
	entered online (OBILL) or from an
	external billing source (PS BI)
Control Currency	The State of Kansas is only using USD
Format Currency	The State of Kansas is only using <i>USD</i> .
	This defaults when a new group is
	created.





Fields	Description
Control Amount	Use this field to enter the total amount of
	the pending item(s)
Count	Use this field to enter the number of
	pending item(s)

Table 1. Group Control Page Elements

Pending Item 1 Page:

Use this page to view the item information, payment terms, and any other reference information for each item in the group.

Page Name	Navigation
Pending Item 1	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Pending Item 1



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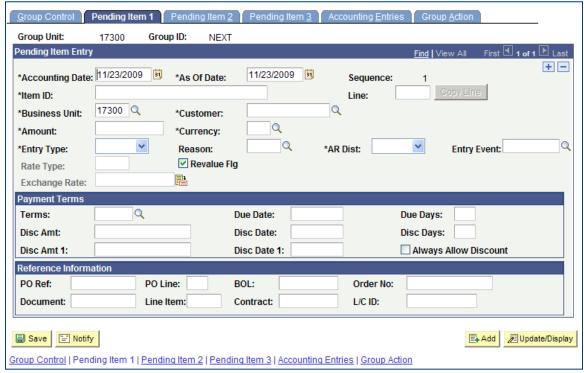


Figure 4. Pending Item 1 Page

Fields	Description
As Of Date	Use this field to enter a date for the pending item. This date is usually the same as the accounting date. A different date can be entered and used for aging purposes. This date can also be used to record the invoice date used to calculate payment terms.
Item ID	Use this field to enter a name/number that describes the pending item. This can also be the invoice ID (if the item is from Billing).





Fields	Description
Business Unit	Use this field to enter the agency specific
	business unit. This field defaults from the
	Group Control Page.
Customer	Use this field to enter the customer
	number.
Amount	Use this field to enter the amount of the
	pending item(s).
Currency	The State of Kansas is only using USD.
	This field defaults if the data is entered on
	the Group Control Page. If it is not, it
	must be entered here.
Entry Type	Every receivable transaction that is
	entered (or generated by SMART) must
	have an Entry Type associated with it.
	SMART uses pending items along with
	associated Entry Types and Entry
	Reasons to create or update items and to
	maintain customer balances.
	The SOK Entry Types for Pending Item
	Entry are Invoice (INV), Credit Memo
	(CR), Debit Memo (DR), InterFund (IF),
	InterFund Credit Memo (IFCR), and
	InterFund Debit Memo (IFDR).
	Note: The Entry Type/Reason Code
	combination creates funding.





Fields	Description
Reason Code	All Pending Items require Reason Codes. Reason Codes (entry reasons) allow ChartFields to be defined for each entry type. Multiple entry reasons can be assigned to a single entry type. Reason codes can be used for Invoices, debit memos, credit memos, and InterFunds. Reason Codes are agency specific and the AR Configurator in each agency can update reason codes. Note: The Entry Type/Reason Code combination creates funding.
Terms	This field value defaults to <i>NET30</i> . This field is used to determine when the payment is due for an item(s). This field can be overwritten.
Reference Information Section	Use this section to reference back to specific purchase orders information, if available. These fields are not required.
AR Distribution	This code is used for SMART to generate the offsetting accounting lines for the pending item. This is not controlled by the agency, and is centrally maintained.

Table 2. Pending Item 1 Page Elements

Pending Item 2 Page:

Use this page to view any correspondence or personnel information, and to place an item in dispute or collections.

Page Name	Navigation
Pending Item 2	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Pending Item 2





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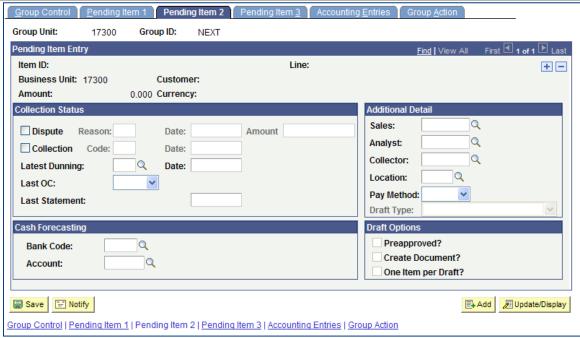


Figure 5. Pending Item 2 Page

Fields	Description
Dispute	Use this field to mark the item in dispute
Dispute Reason	Use this field to enter the dispute reason.
	This field becomes available after the
	item has been marked for Dispute.
Collection	Use this field to mark the item in
	collection
Bank Code	The State of Kansas uses only one bank
	code: KSBNK
Account	The State of Kansas uses only one
	account: MAIN

Table 3. Pending Item 3 Page Elements



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Pending Item 3 Page:

Use this page to view consolidated invoices from SMART Billing and enter other userdefined values.

Note: You can only see consolidated invoices that originated in SMART Billing (PS BI).

Page Name	Navigation
Pending Item 3	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Pending Item 3



Figure 6. Pending Item 3 Page





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Fields	Description
Unit	This field is the same as the Business
	Unit
Invoice	Use this field to enter the corresponding
	invoice name/number

Table 4. Pending Item 3 Page Elements

Accounting Entries Page:

Use this page to create accounting entries for each item in the group. You can also use this page to correct an accounting entry if there was a mistake.

Page Name	Navigation
Account Entries	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Accounting Entries



Figure 7. Accounting Entries Page





Fields	Description
Create §	Click the Create button to have the system create accounting entries for one pending item at a time. After you click the Create button, the accounting entries appear in the grid at the bottom of the page.

Table 5. Accounting Entry Page Elements

Group Action Page:

Use this page to verify that a group is balanced, delete an item group, create, or delete online account entries for an entire group, or specify the posting action.

Page Name	Navigation
Group Action	Accounts Receivable > Pending Items > Online Items >
	Group Entry > Add New Value > Group Action





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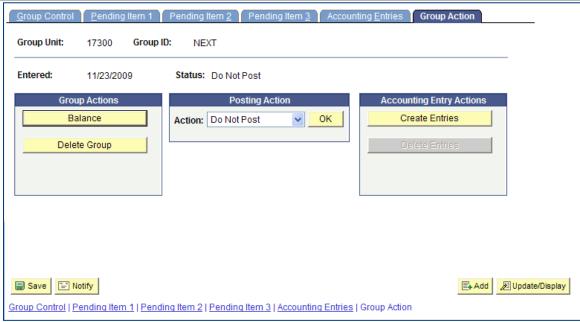


Figure 8. Group Action Page

Fields	Description	Meaning
Action	Batch Standard	This option flags the group for posting the next time
		AR Update runs
	Do Not Post	This option acts like a save function and does not flag the group to be picked up by AR Update.

Table 6. Group Action Page Elements



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 1: Working With Pending Items in your Activity Guide.



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Topic 2: All Items With Detail

- All Items with Detail You can view items after they have been entered into SMART. You can also inquire on any item group regardless of posting status or post action.
- You also have the ability to view Pending Items regardless of status and/or
 posting action by utilizing the Review Items page. The ways to do this are as
 follows:
 - Group Status
 - Groups Not Set to Post
 - Groups Set to Post
 - o Any Item Group
 - o Singe Item
 - Billings by Origin
 - Conversations
 - Pending Item Status

Topic 3: Updating Pending Items

- You have the ability to update pending items before the group is picked up in AR
 Update. To do so, you must first set your posting status to *Do Not Post* before
 you can update your data.
- Once you have updated your data, you then change your posting status back to Batch Standard

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

- How to create accounting entries and set them to post
- How to enter data for pending items including, entry type and reason code
- How to locate and view group status, all items with detail, groups not set to post, and any item group





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- How to utilize the Review Items page
- How to update pending items



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Lesson 3: Maintaining and Updating Receivables

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Change a payment term
- Apply debit and credit memos to each other
- Understand what processes are utilized within worksheets and how worksheets are used
- Clean up accounts with a maintenance worksheet and review maintenance worksheet item account entries using debit/credit memos and write-offs
- Enter a multi-item update
- Unpost an item group
- Unpost a maintenance group



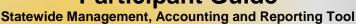
Key Terms

- Payment Terms are used to calculate net due dates
- Maintenance Worksheets A maintenance worksheet is a workspace for offsetting, writing-off, or adjusting posted items. You can also use maintenance worksheets to refund an item with a credit balance or to create a new refund item for a credit remaining from maintenance tasks.

Topic 1: Change Item Pay Terms

• Item Due Date – SMART enables you to modify the payment terms of an item. This implies a change in the due date of the item. In such situations, you need to update single item information. By changing payment terms, SMART updates the Item Due Date based on the selected term change.







Detail 1 Page

Use this page to change payment options for an item. Put an item in dispute or collections, mark an item as a deduction, and assign item owners.

Page Name	Navigation
Detail 1	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item
	Information > View/Update Item Details

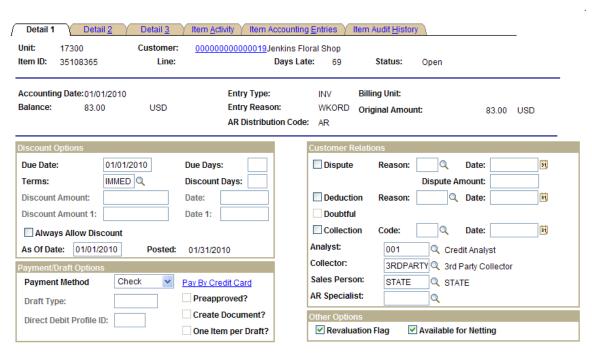


Figure 9. Detail 1 Page

Fields	Description
Due Date	This field shows the new item due date
	based on the change in the payment
	terms.





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Fields	Description
Terms	Use this field to select a payment term
	that defines the due date.

Table 7. Detail 1 Page Elements



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 2: Change Item Pay Terms in your Activity Guide.

Topic 2: Multi-Item Update

 SMART Receivables provides the ability to simultaneously change field values of multiple items using multi-item update

Note: The SOK uses Multi-Item Update to change payment terms of pending items only. Multi-Item Update cannot be used for more than one customer at a time. The changes to the payment terms are applied after AR Update has run. Updates to the payment terms will only be seen on the **Item List** page, and not on the original item entered.

Item List Page:

Use this page to change the payment terms for selected customer items.

Page Name	Navigation
Item List Page	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item
	Information > Item List > Item Action > Multi-item Update





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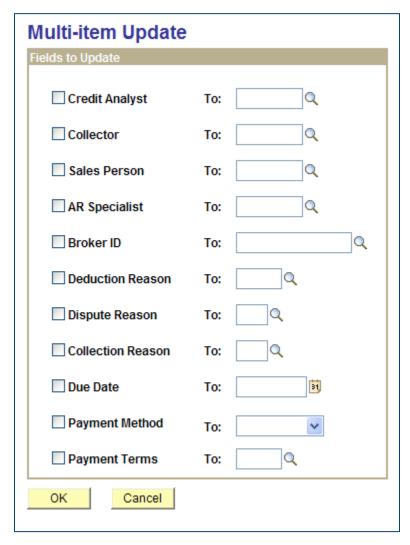


Figure 10. Multi-item Update Page





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Fields	Description
Payment Terms	The SOK will only use this field on this
	page. Use this field to enter the new
	payment terms for the items(s).

Table 8. Multi-item Update Page Description



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete a walkthrough using a UPK simulation: Entering Multi-Item Updates.

Topic 3: Maintenance Worksheets

- Cleaning Up Accounts A maintenance worksheet is a workspace for offsetting items, write-offs, or adjustments to clean up posted items. You use maintenance worksheets to refund an item with a credit balance or to create a new refund item for a credit remaining from maintenance tasks.
- **Debit and Credit Memos** In SMART Receivables, maintenance items can be credit or debit memos (AR351), invoices (AR353 and 354), adjustments, on-account payments, or prepayments (AR352). Maintenance features of SMART Receivables enable you to offset debits and credits.
 - Debit Memo: This is processed through Pending Items > Accounts
 Receivable Update > Receivables Maintenance
 - Credit Memo: This is processed through Pending Items > Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance
 - Credit and Debit memos must be created as new pending items. These pending items are not available on the Maintenance Worksheet until AR Update has been successfully run.
- Item Account Entries SMART enables you to create online accounting entries
 for maintenance worksheet transactions. You can review these entries on the
 Accounting Entries page before they are processed in the background. The
 only accounting entries you can edit online for items on a worksheet are those





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that are user-defined for write-offs. Accounting entries for matched items are system-defined and therefore not editable.

Worksheet Selection Page:

Use this page to specify customer and item information that should appear on the worksheet. You can specify customer criteria, a reference criterion, or a combination of customer and reference criteria. You can select a range of item IDs and a single customer ID as your search criterion. You can also select all items for a customer without narrowing your search to the selected item IDs. SMART uses criteria information to retrieve all items matching the selection criteria when the worksheet is built.

Page Name	Navigation
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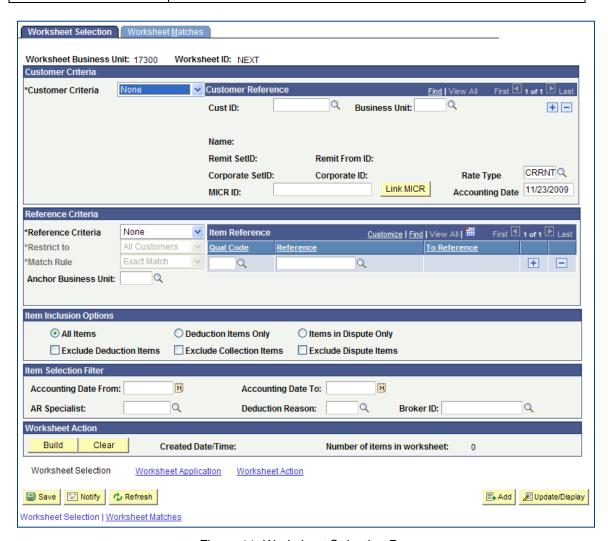


Figure 11. Worksheet Selection Page





Fields	Description
Customer Criteria	Use this field to select the type of customer information you want to include in the worksheet. When selected, SMART creates a worksheet based on your other selection criteria and does not limit items to specific customers. Customer Reference fields are available after selecting a customer criteria.
Cust ID	Use this field to enter the customer ID
Business Unit	Use this field to enter the agency specific business unit
Reference Criteria	Specify whether you will use a Specific Value, None, or a Range of References. If you select either Range of References or Specific Value, you enter information in the Item Reference fields. If you click the Detail Reference link to enter reference information, the Reference Criteria field displays Detailed References.
Restrict to	Select to qualify items by customer. Values are All Customers, Corporate Cust Only, Customer Only, and Remit Cust Only.

Table 9. Worksheet Selection Page Elements

Worksheet Application Page:

Use this page to match or settle open items.

Note: The Net amount of all credits and debits must be zero for the worksheet to balance and post.

Page Name	Navigation
Worksheet	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance >
Application	Maintenance Worksheet > Create Worksheet > Add New Value > Build





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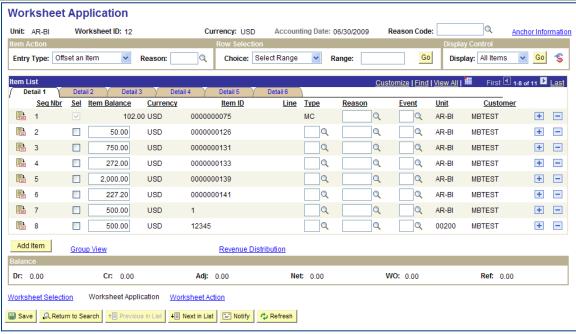


Figure 12. Worksheet Application Page

Fields	Description
Sel. Check Box	Select the items you wish to update
Item ID	When adding a new item to the worksheet
	to balance the worksheet, enter the item
	ID: XXX-DR, XXX-CR, or XXX-New.





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Fields	Description
Automatic Entry Type	This field defines how SMART assigns
	Entry Types (write-offs, payment on
	account) and Entry Reasons to pending
	items that are being paid or maintained.
	Automatic Entry Types are used on
	worksheets (payment, maintenance, and
	transfer). The combination of Automatic
	Entry Types and Reason Codes provide
	the line of distribution for each pending
	item that is entered in SMART.

Table 10. Worksheet Application Page Elements

Worksheet Action Page:

Use this page to select a posting action for the worksheet or to create and review accounting entries. This page enables you to delete a worksheet, create accounting entries online for the worksheet, or delete accounting entries.

Page Name	Navigation
Worksheet Action	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance >
	Maintenance Worksheet > Create Worksheet > Add New
	Value > Build > Worksheet Action Link





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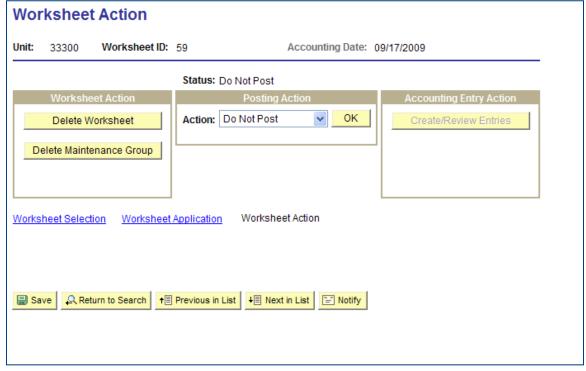


Figure 13. Worksheet Action Page

Accounting Entries Page:

Use this page to review/create accounting entries for one item at a time. Accounting entries must be created before selecting a posting action.

Page Name	Navigation
Accounting Entries	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance >
Page	Maintenance Worksheet > Create Worksheet > Add New Value > Build > Worksheet Action Link > Create/Review
	Entries





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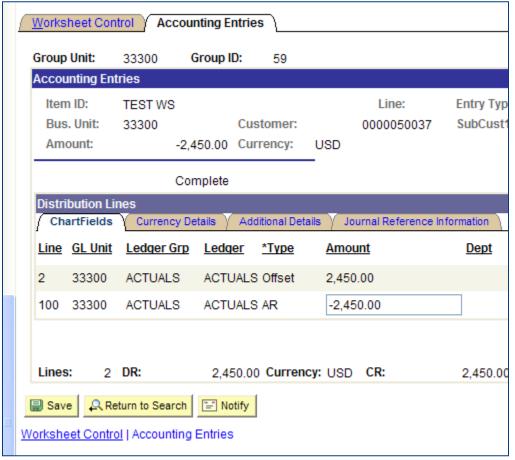


Figure 14. Accounting Entries Page

Worksheet Action Page:

Use this page to set the maintenance worksheet to Batch Standard.





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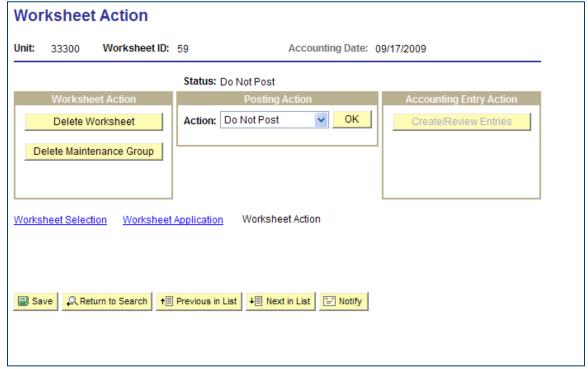


Figure 15. Worksheet Action Page



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 3: Maintenance Worksheet in your Activity Guide.

Topic 4: Unposting Item Groups

You can only unpost groups if AR Update has successfully processed them.
 Unposting creates a new group that is the exact opposite (reversal) of the original





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group. The unpost group creates a new unpost item activity and new accounting entries for each item that it is unposting.

- After the group has been set to post, it is best practice to review the unposted accounting entries
- After AR Update has run, and the unposting is successful, the available item(s) cannot be located for "matching". You are able to view them when you view all pending items, but you are not able to update the item(s).
- If AR Update has not run, groups for which you selected the Batch Standard
 posting action are not really posted. In that case, select the Do Not Post posting
 action on the Action page to prevent the groups from posting. You do not need
 to unpost the groups.

Group Control Page:

Use this page to review groups that are posted based on a combination of search criteria and link to the appropriate unpost page.





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Page Name	Navigation
Group Control	Accounts Receivable > Receivable Update > Unpost Groups > Online Group

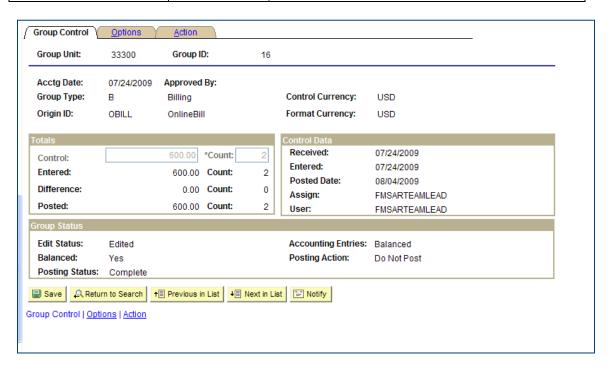


Figure 16. Group Control Page

Options Page:

Use this page to modify the accounting date or the unpost reason prior to unposting any groups.

Page Name	Navigation
Options	Accounts Receivable > Receivable Update > Unpost Groups
	> Online Group > Options Tab





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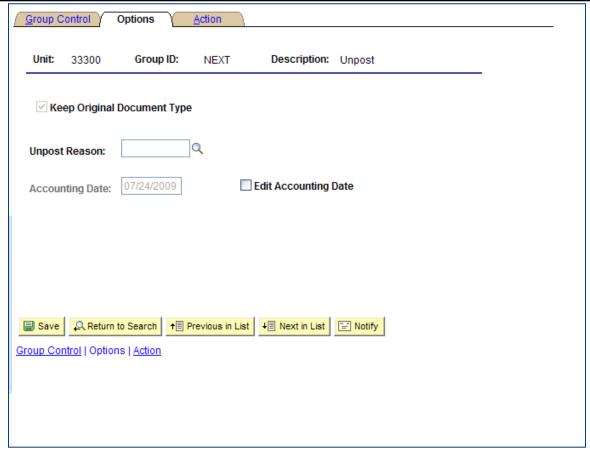


Figure 17. Options Page



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Fields	Description
Unpost Reason	Use this field to enter a reason for reference purposes. For example, you might want to indicate that you are unposting a payment group because a check was returned due to insufficient funds. The four SOK values for Unpost
	Reason are NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds), Wrong Cust (Wrong Customer), Wrong Inv (Wrong Invoice), and Retrnd Chk (Returned Check).

Table 11. Options Page Elements

Action Page:

Use this page to select an action for an Unposting group. You can review the accounting entries of the unposted items after AR Update has run.

Page Name	Navigation
Action	Accounts Receivable > Receivable Update > Unpost Groups
	> Online Group > Action Tab





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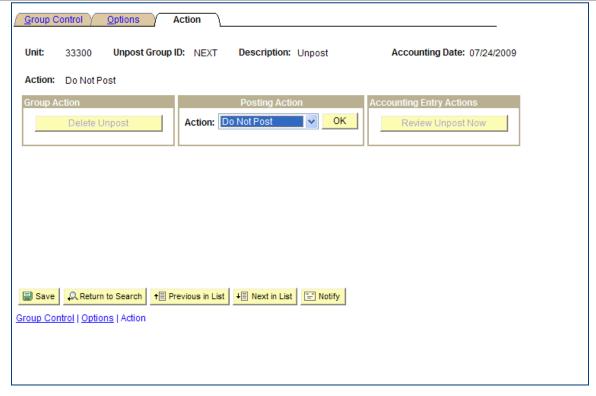


Figure 18. Action Page



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 4: Unposting Groups in your Activity Guide.

Topic 5: Unposting Maintenance Groups

 SMART enables you to unpost maintenance groups only after AR Update has successfully posted them. Unposting creates a new group that is the exact opposite of the original group. The unpost group creates a new unpost item activity and new accounting entries for each items that is unposting.







 After the group has been set to post, it is best practice to review the unposted accounting entries. This is the same process as listed in unposting item groups from Topic 5.

Maintenance Group Page:

Use this page to add a group and enter control totals and data.

Page Name	Navigation
Group Control	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Update > Unpost Groups
	> Maintenance Group

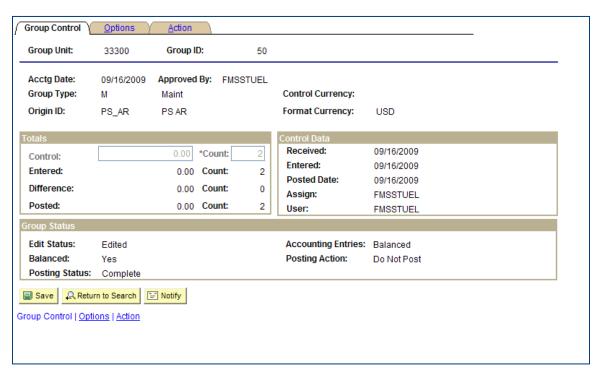


Figure 19. Group Control Page



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Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 5: Unposting Maintenance Groups in your Activity Guide.

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

- How to change a payment term
- How to apply debit and credit memos to each other
- How to maintain and review worksheets using debit/credit memos and write-offs
- How to process a multi-item update
- How to unpost an item group
- How to unpost maintenance groups

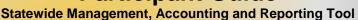


Additional Resources

The following are additional resources that provide more detail about the topic we have covered:

- SMART Glossary http://www.da.ks.gov/smart/training/coursematerials/
- Accounts Receivable and Billing Business Process Flows http://www.da.ks.gov/smart/training/coursematerials/
- SMART Accounts Receivable and Billing Job Aids—Payment and Pending Item Inquiry http://www.da.ks.gov/smart/training/coursematerials/
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Lesson 4: Transferring Receivables

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Build a transfer worksheet
- Update a transfer worksheet by creating and posting data
- Use transfer worksheet actions

Topic 1: Using Worksheet Actions

- Building a Transfer Worksheet:
 - A transfer worksheet is a workspace for transferring an expected bad debt or an open item from one customer to another. You can access only those open items that have been posted.
 - Customers must be in the same business unit for transferring receivables
- Updating Data on a Transfer Worksheet:
 - You can add or change items on a transfer worksheet. In addition, you
 can enter general or specific customer and item criteria depending on the
 scope of information you want on the worksheet.
- Using Transfer Worksheet Actions:
 - You can select a posting option for the transfer worksheet depending on your requirements

Note: You cannot transfer pending items on a transfer worksheet from one business unit to another.

Note: If this process is done correctly, the <u>FROM</u> customer will not have the item in their customer items anymore, and it will be transferred to the new <u>TO</u> customer.

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Transfer Selection:

Use this page to create a new worksheet, modify an existing one, and select items to include in the worksheet. When transferring receivables, this is the page where you put the customer ID that the item is coming FROM.

Page Name	Navigation
Transfer Selection	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance > Transfer
	Worksheet > Create Worksheet

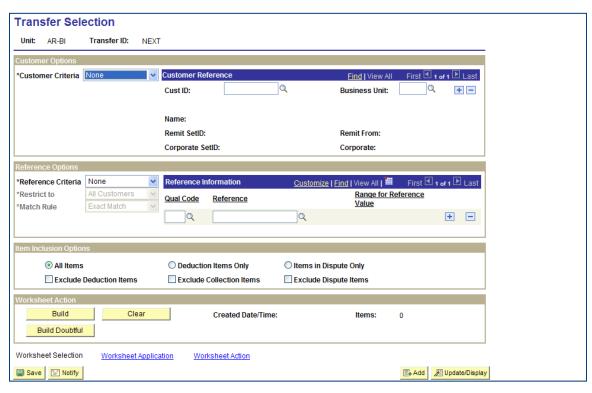


Figure 20. Transfer Selection Page

Worksheet 1 Page:

Use this page to indicate the TO customer that receives the items. Notice the action used to post a Transfer worksheet is the same process as Maintenance worksheets.





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Page Name	Navigation
Worksheet 1	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Maintenance > Transfer
	Worksheet > Create Worksheet > Worksheet Application Link

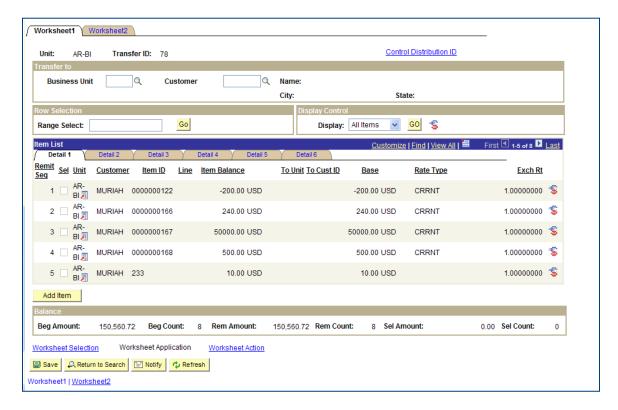


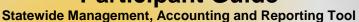
Figure 21. Worksheet 1 Page



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 6: Using Transfer Worksheets in your Activity Guide.









Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 7: Updating Data on the Transfer Worksheet in your Activity Guide.

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

- How to work with transfer worksheets
- How to use transfer worksheet actions



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Lesson 5: Account Aging and Communication

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Define Aging and Dunning
- Run the Aging Summary by Unit Report
- Run the end-to-end process for customer statements
- Run the end-to-end process of Dunning letters including processing and printing



Key Terms

- Aging The process of allowing a user to view the time that has passed since customers were billed or a pending item was established
- **Dunning** The process of methodically communicating with customers to ensure the collection of accounts receivable



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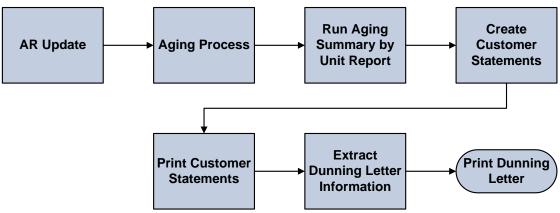


Figure 22. End-to-End Aging and Dunning Process

Topic 1: Aging Summary Report

- The Aging process updates summary aging information that appears on various inquiry pages. Agencies rely on aging to identify delinquent accounts and to assess possible cash flow issues.
- The Aging Process, which is a central process that runs <u>once a month</u>, must be completed before moving forward with any Aging and Dunning process. There is no user action required for the Aging Process.
- The Aging process automatically processes all customers in a business unit.
 - o Each agency can run the Aging Summary By Unit Report
- The Aging process also updates the Due and High Due history IDs
 - High Due history ID is the highest amount the customer has ever owed the agency. This allows agencies to determine the risk level of customer.
 - o **Due** is the current amount past due





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Aging Summary By Unit Page:

Use this page to define the run parameters for the Aging Summary by Unit report. Use the report to see aged open balances for every customer in a business unit.

Page Name	Navigation
Aging Summary By	Accounts Receivable > Receivables Analysis > Aging >
Unit	Aging Summary by Unit Rpt



Figure 23. Aging Summary By Unit Page





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Fields	Description
As of Date	This field defaults to the current system
	date.
Set ID	Use this field to enter the shared Set ID of
	SOKID. Do Not leave this field blank.
Aging ID	Use this field to enter the SOK Aging ID of
	STD.
Amount Type	Keep this field at Base Currency.
Rate Type	Leave this field blank. The SOK only
	uses one rate type, CRRNT.
Display Option	Use this field to select from the following:
	Collections Only, Deductions Only,
	Disputes Only, and Include All. Include
	All is the default, and gives a more
	comprehensive report.
Business Unit	Use this field to enter your agency
	specific business unit.

Table 12. Aging Summary By Unit Page Field Descriptions



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete a walkthrough using a UPK simulation: Running the Aging Summary by Unit Report.

Topic 2: Processing and Printing Customer Statements

- SMART enables you to generate customer statements on a regular schedule for many customers or a single statement for only one customer
- Customer statements are based on current customer balances and open item information, which are updated by the AR Update process
- Printing customer statements is an <u>optional process</u>, and should be based on agency specific scenarios





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Statements Parameters Page:

Use this page to define the run parameters for the Customer Statements.

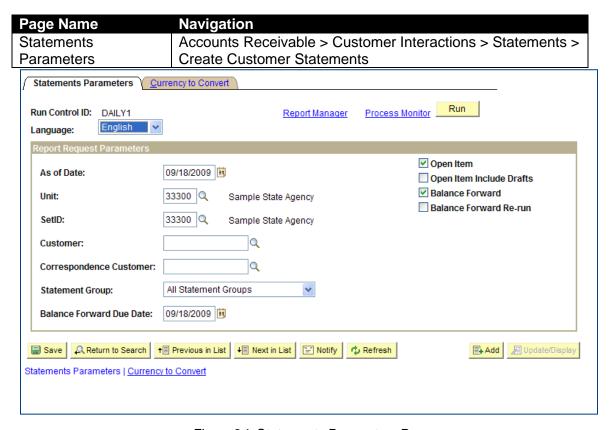


Figure 24. Statements Parameters Page



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete a walkthrough using a UPK simulation: Processing and Printing Customer Statements.





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Topic 3: Processing and Printing Dunning Letters

- SMART Receivables uses Dunning letters to communicate to customers their
 account receivable balance, items that make up their balance, and the age of the
 items in their account. Dunning letters are created to alert customers of overdue
 items and expedite the collection of outstanding accounts receivable. Expediting
 the collection of outstanding accounts receivable enhances the cash flow of
 agencies.
- To generate Dunning letters for specific customers, you need to run a single, two-step process

Note: Dunning Letters can also be run based on Dunning Group ID, and Printing Dunning letters is <u>optional</u>, and should be based on agency specific scenarios.

Dunning Letters Parameters Page:

Use this page to specify the extract parameters and run the AR Dunning process or the Dunning Letters multiprocess job.

Page Name	Navigation
Dunning Letters	Accounts Receivable > Customer Interactions > Dunning
Parameters Page	Letters > Extract Dunning Letter Info





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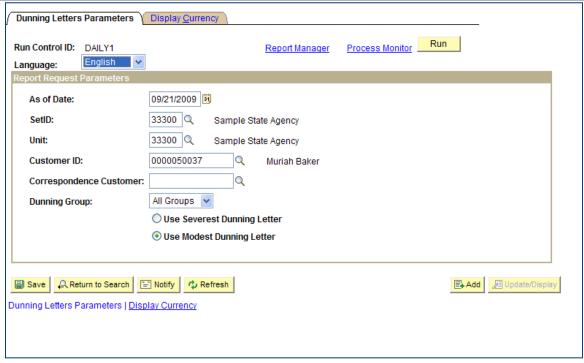


Figure 25. Dunning Letters Parameters Page





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Fields	Description
Dunning Groups	Use this field to specify All Groups or select a specific Dunning Group ID. You assign customers to a dunning group on the Correspondence Options page in customer creation.
Dunning Letter	There are two types of Dunning Letters that can be selected, <i>Severe</i> or <i>Modest</i> . Agencies have the ability to choose between the letter types for agency/customer specific scenarios. The SOK default is <i>Severest</i> however, the SOK recommends using <i>Modest</i> .

Table 13. Dunning Letters Parameters Page Elements



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete a walkthrough using a UPK simulation: Processing and Printing Dunning Letters.

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

- How to define key terms for aging and dunning
- How to run the Aging Summary by Unit Report
- How to run the Aging Summary by Chartfield Report
- How to run the end-to-end process for customer statements
- How to run the end-to-end process of dunning letters including processing and printing





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Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 8: Aging Summary Report and Customer Statements in your Activity Guide.



Additional Resources

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Lesson 6: Collections and Exceptions Management

Objectives

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:

- View customer history
- View customer account information including activity summary, item statuses, accounting entries, single item entries, item payments, and outstanding item payments
- View item groups
- Dispute an item and add a conversation

Overview:

- Analyzing Customer Accounts Analyzing individual customer accounts is the process of determining how well customers maintain their accounts. You use customer analysis to make decisions about an agency's accounts receivable and collection policies and facilitate planning and budgeting. You can also use customer analysis to help minimize the agency's exposure to bad debt. After customer accounts are established and activity begins, invoices are posted and payments are made on the invoices. Customer accounts are then analyzed to verify that they have a good history of invoice payment. You may also want to know about the most recent activity and any previous conversations with the customer.
- When analyzing customer accounts you have ability to view items in groups or individually (single). When viewing those items, SMART allows you to analyze many different types of information. Some examples are
 - Accounting Entries
 - Disputes
 - Collections
 - Payment History
 - Due Dates



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Topic 1: Viewing Customer History

Customer History Page:

Use this page to view both user-defined history and system-defined (SMART) history. SMART stores customer history based on the fiscal years and periods that are defined on the Detail Calendar page.

Page Name	Navigation
Customer History	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Customer
	Information > Customer History

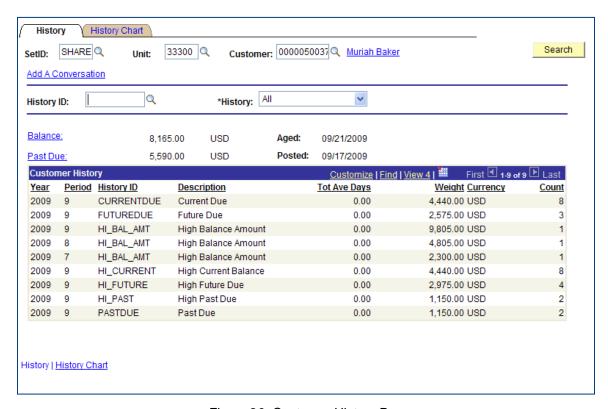


Figure 26. Customer History Page





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Fields	Description
History ID	Use this field to select the type of
	customer history you wish to review

Table 14. Customer History Page Elements



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 9: Analyzing a Customer Account in your Activity Guide.

Topic 2: Customer Account Overview

Account Overview Component:

Use this page to view various customer balances, the most recent item and payment activity, and summarized aging information. Click links to view detailed information such as customer items, item statuses, item activity, accounting entries, and credit data, dispute status.

Page Name	Navigation
Account Overview	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Customer
	Information > Account Overview





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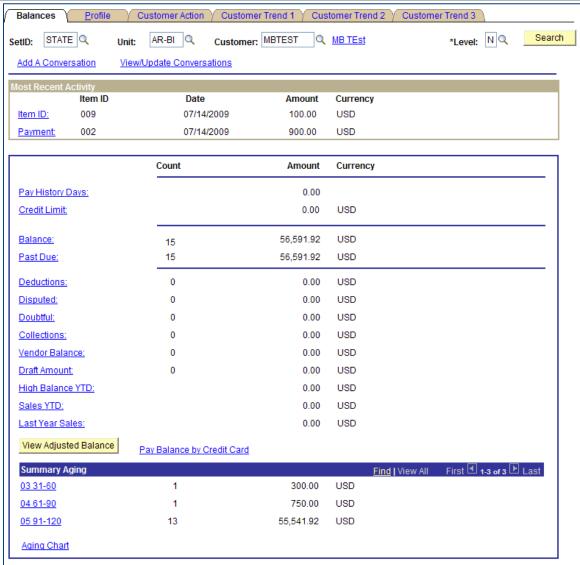


Figure 27. Account Overview Page





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Item List Page:

By selecting the Item List link on the Profile page of the Account Overview component, you can view customer profile information and use links to view in-progress payments and outstanding items (Open/Closed/Dispute/Collections). This page also allows you to select the individual accounting entries or single items for review/update.

By selecting Closed from the Status drop-down, you can refine your search for payments. Closed items are items that have been paid or applied on a worksheet.

By looking at the entry type, you can see the action taken on the item, which could be a Payment (PY) Debit (DR), or a Credit (CR).

Page Name	Navigation	
Item List	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Customer	
	Information > Account Overview > Profile > Item List Link	





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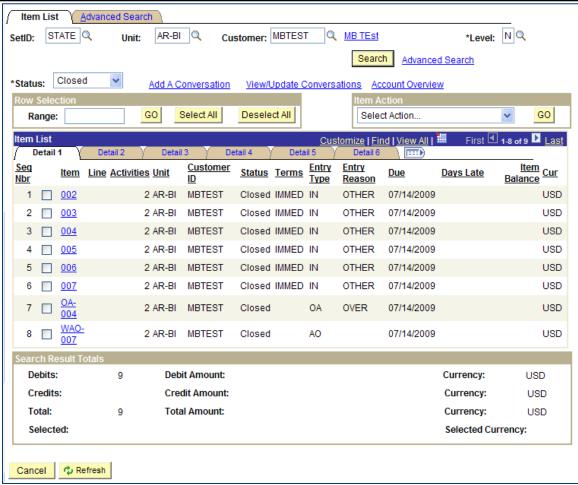


Figure 28. Item List Page

Item Detail Component:

Use this page to change payment options for an item, put an item in dispute or collections, mark an item as a deduction, and assign item owners.





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Page Name	Navigation
Detail 1 Component	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Customer Information > Account Overview > Profile > Item List Link >
	Item Link

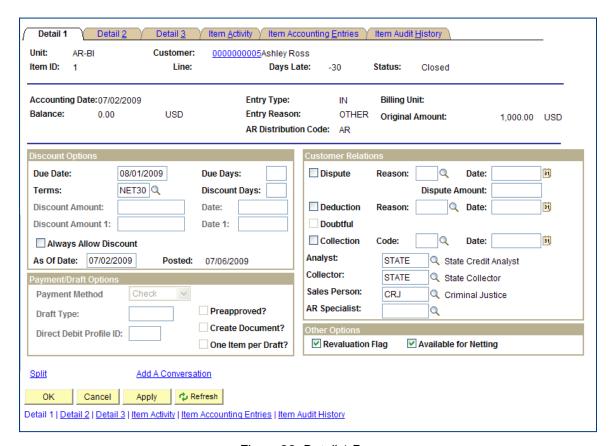


Figure 29. Detail 1 Page

Item Activity Page:

Use this page to review all activity records for an item, including payments against an item.





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Page Name	Navigation
Item Activity	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Customer Information > Account Overview > Profile > Item List Link >
	Item Link > Item Activity Tab

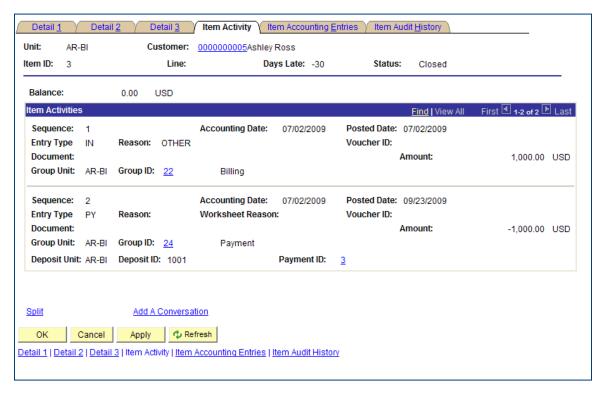


Figure 30. Item Activity Page

Item Activity From A Payment Page:

Selecting the **Payment ID** link takes you to the **Item Activity from a Payment** page in a new window. This page reviews all items paid by a single payment.

Page Name	Navigation
Item Activity From A	Item Activity Tab > Payment ID link > New Window
Payment	





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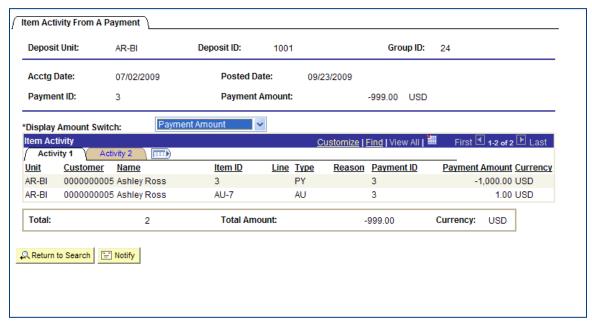


Figure 31. Item Activity From A Payment Page

Item Accounting Entries Page:

Use this page to view the accounting entries for each item activity.

Page Name	Navigation
Item Accounting	Close New Window > Item Accounting Entries Tab
Entries	





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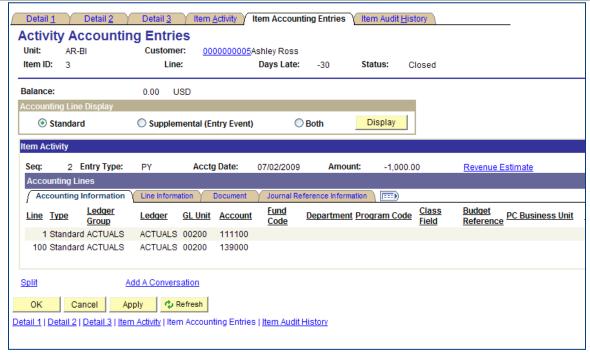


Figure 32. Item Accounting Entries Page

Topic 3: Viewing Item Groups

 Group – During customer analysis, questionable accounts and/or items may be found. In order to resolve these questions, you must research detailed information. There are single documents that can have multiple items attached to them. For example, one check can pay many invoices, one purchase order can be attached to several bills of lading and invoices, or one sales order can have multiple shipments and invoices. You may need to research groups of items that relate to one another.

Item Activity From a Group Page

Use this page to view activity for all items in a group.





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Page Name	Navigation
Item Activity From A	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item
Group	Information > Item Activity From A Group

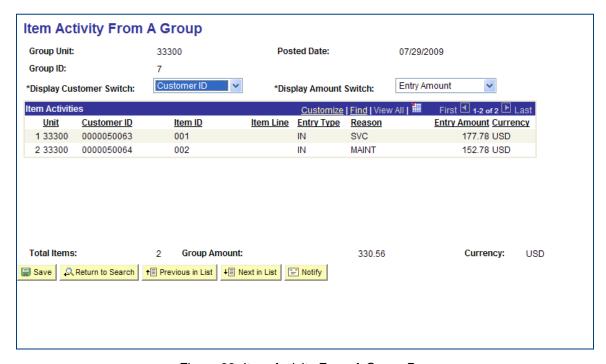


Figure 33. Item Activity From A Group Page

Topic 4: Disputing Items and Adding a Conversation

 SMART Receivables enables you to put items in dispute based on internal agency notification or customer notification.

Detail 1 Page:

Use this page to change payment options for an item, put an item in dispute or collections, mark an item as a deduction, and assign item owners.





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Page Name	Navigation
View/Update Item	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item
Details	Information > View/Update Item Details

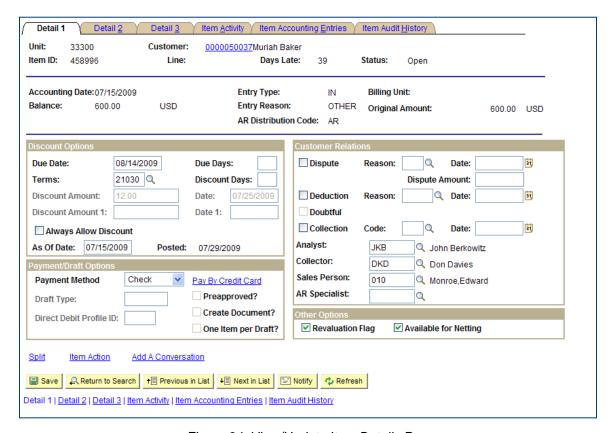


Figure 34. View/Update Item Details Page



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Fields	Description
Dispute	Select this box to put the item in dispute
Reason	Use this field to enter the dispute reason
Dispute Amount	Use this filed to enter the disputed
	amount

Table 15. View/Update Item Details Page Elements

Conversations Page:

This page allows you to add or view conversation entries for the item.

Page Name	Navigation
Conversations	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item Information > View/Update Item Details > Add a Conversation Link





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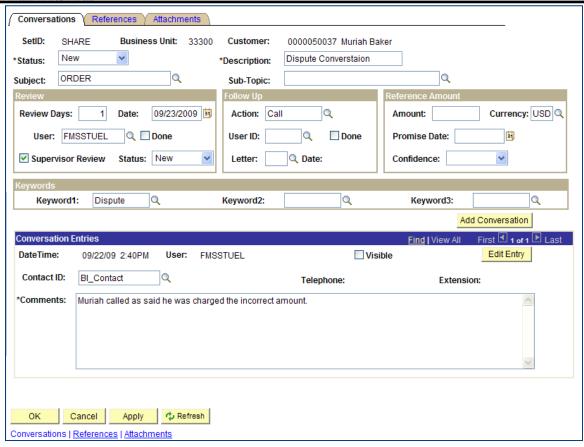


Figure 35. Conversations Page

Fields	Description
Status	Use this field to select the status of the
	conversation: New, Open, or Closed
Description	Use this field to enter the description of
	the dispute
Subject	Use this field to select from the following
	conversation subjects: Delayed Payment,
	Payment, Questions, or Order



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Fields	Description
Review Days	You can set the conversation up for
	review in a specified number of days or
	have the supervisor review it. The
	system assigns the supervisor associated
	with the user profile for the individual to
	review the conversation.
Supervisor Review	Select this checkbox if supervisor review
	is necessary
Action	Select the type of follow-up action for the
	customer
Keyword	Use this field to enter a keyword that
	would classify the type of comment
Contact ID	Use this field to enter the customer
	contact information to record with whom
	you spoke
Comments	Use this field to enter the text that you
	want to record for the conversation
	Wall to receive for the convenedion

Table 16. Conversations Page Elements

References Page:

Use this page to link a conversation with a reference, such as an invoice, purchase order, or receivables item.

Page Name	Navigation
References	Accounts Receivable > Customer Accounts > Item Information > View/Update Item Details > Add a Conversation Link > References Tab





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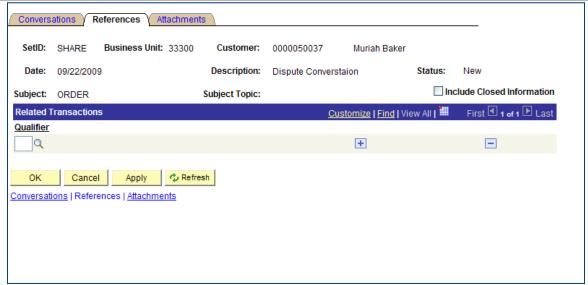


Figure 36. References Page

Field	Description
Include Closed Information	Use this filed to associate closed items in
	Receivables with the conversation

Table 17. References Page Field Description



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 10 & 11: Disputing Items in your Activity Guide.

Lesson Review

In this lesson, you learned:

How to view customer history





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- How to view customer account information including activity summary, item statuses, accounting entries, single item entries, item payments, and outstanding item payments
- · How to view item groups
- How to dispute an item and add a conversation



Walkthrough/Activity

We will now complete Activity 12: Analyzing Customer Accounts in your Activity Guide.



Additional Resources

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